

Virginia Department of Emergency Management

Virginia Emergency Operations Center
10501 Trade Court, Richmond, VA 23236

Spot Report # 2
Town of Chatham Water Main Break
5 December 2008 1000 hours

***Summary:**

- Officials from Town of Chatham in Pittsylvania County, detected a problem with the water system around 0800 hrs, 3 December, when water tank levels declined
- A leak was located at approximately 1100 hrs, 3 December, in a heavily wooded and isolated area off Moses Mill Road
- A Boil Water Advisory issued on 3 December remains in effect until such time as test results indicate the system is safe to use
- Pittsylvania County declared Local Emergency at approximately 1827 hrs, 3 December
- Approximately 2000 residents of the Town of Chatham and 1300 inmates at the Green Rock Correctional Center are affected
- Water repairs are 95% complete.
- System charged and pressure tested and held.
- Water sampling being conducted 5 December and sent to the lab for testing.
- VDH Office of Drinking Water must approve the test results before system is safe to use

Emergency Declarations:

- Pittsylvania County, 3 December

Local EOC Opened

- Pittsylvania County, 4 December

Resource Requests:

- Pittsylvania County, 3 December, requested bottled water for Town population; Request cancelled 4 December
- VA Department of Corrections, 3 December, requested bottled water for Green Rock Correctional Center population
 - Wall Mart delivered 3072 gallons of bottled water to the facility on 4 December;
 - DOC is bottling water at their juice and milk processing facilities to be distributed to Green Rock for use until the water system is restored.

***VDEM/VEOC**

- Routine Operations with normal staffing
- DEM Region 6 Coordinator on site assisting local officials.
- Respond to request for assistance and resources
- An Event has been created in Web EOC titled, **2008 Pittsylvania County Water Event**, under Active Incidents. All information and requests for

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assistance related to the Pittsylvania County Local Emergency Declaration regarding the Town of Chatham water main break are to be posted here.

Virginia Department of Health (VDH)

- VDH Office of Drinking Water District Engineer continues to assist Town Officials in monitoring the repairs of the damaged water lines. Once the system is flushed, it will be allowed to refill and a sample will be taken by the Office of Drinking Water today 5 December. Water storage tanks have been isolated to avoid contamination

Local Activities

- Bottled water was provided to the town by God's Pit Crew, a non profit group
- Pittsylvania County CERT Team activated assisting Town in distribution of water and informational notices.
- Lawrence Distributing donated 72 pallets of drinking water.
- Mountain Milk will be providing a water buffalo with 3500 gallons for self distribution

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